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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

9 In re RAGHAVENDRAN SHANKAR
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CASE NO. MC24-0074-JCC
MINUTE ORDER

15 The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable John C.
16 Coughenour, United States District Judge:

17 This matter comes before the Court *sua sponte*. On November 4, 2024, the Court issued a
18 vexatious litigant order against Raghavendran Shankar (“Mr. Shankar”) following repeated
19 abuses of the Court’s processes. (*See generally* Dkt. No. 1.) In it, the Court revoked Mr.
20 Shankar’s e-filing privileges and ordered the Clerk to file any additional complaints from Mr.
21 Shankar under a miscellaneous case number for the Court’s review. (*Id.* at 3–4.) Nevertheless,
22 Mr. Shankar continues to flagrantly abuse the judicial process. On the record, Mr. Shankar has
23 submitted multiple proposed complaints that fail to comply with the vexatious litigant order. (*See*
24 *generally* Dkt. Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6, 7) (proposed complaints) (*see also generally* Dkt. Nos. 5, 10)
25 (Court’s dispositions of the proposed complaints). Off the record, Mr. Shankar has flooded this
26 Court’s e-mail inbox with inappropriate messages containing numerous expletives and

pejoratives about this Court, the Honorable Chief Judge Estudillo, and other officers of the law.

The Court must regularly maintain its e-mail inbox in order to stay apprised of proposed orders coming from legitimate parties with meritable claims. However, Mr. Shankar has overwhelmed the Court with his deluge of frivolous e-mails. And once again, the Court emphasizes that “[f]lagrant abuse of the judicial process cannot be tolerated because it enables one person to preempt the use of judicial time that properly could be used to consider the meritorious claims of other litigants.” *DeLong v. Hennessey*, 912 F.2d 1144, 1148 (9th Cir. 1990).

Accordingly, the Court SUPPLEMENTS its vexatious litigant order (Dkt. No. 1) and REVOKES Mr. Shankar's access to the Court's e-mail inbox.

DATED this 21st day of April 2025.

Ravi Subramanian
Clerk of Court

s/Kathleen Albert
Deputy Clerk